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RIVERVIEW Neighborhood Association

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ANNUAL RNA ELECTIONS

It's time once again to elect the annual executive officers for RNA. The nominations for Chair, Vice-chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Sgt.-at-Arms for the 1998 -1999 term will be opened at the February 10th meeting. The nominations will remain open until the March 10th meeting, at which time they will be closed and the election will take place.

To be eligible to vote, you must be eighteen years old, have paid your annual dues and live or own property within the constitutional boundaries of the RNA. The Association's boundaries are Ogden and Palisade Avenues from Cuneo Place to Congress Street.

To run for office, an individual, in addition to the above qualifications, must be a current resident living within the RNA boundaries and an active member of RNA.

We ask everyone to participate in this annual neighborhood activity. It is important for all residents to have a voice in decisions made in their own community.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Most people do not realize that a neighborhood association requires active participation of its members. Part of that participation is the annual membership dues of $7 per person. This is not a lot of money when you consider that it entitles you to nine issues of our newsletter, and if you live within the RNA boundries, voting privileges. Please support your community by paying your dues at the next meeting, or sending a check, payable to RNA, to 232 Ogden Avenue. (Any paid member who has not received their newsletters or a membership card, please contact Jack Rea.)

The Executive Committee

ANNUAL SPRING FLEA MARKET

RNA is starting to plan for its Fourteenth Annual Spring Flea Market. At our next meeting, a steering committee will be organized. We need volunteers with fresh and new ideas to make this year's market a great success. The event serves as a fundraiser for RNA's many activities, including the publication of this newsletter. This all-day activity is a great way to meet your neighbors and make new friends.

IN MEMORY OF:

This issue of our newsletter is dedicated to the memory of **Rosalinda and Dominico Rea**, two of our original Palisade Avenue members. They passed away during the month of January wtihin two weeks of each other. RNA will miss this lovely couple who reminded us of a time when Palisade Avenue was safer and more family oriented. They raised their family on the Avenue and continued to live here even when social conditions changed for the worse. Dominick loved his backyard where he cultivated an Italian vegetable garden growing grapes, beans and tomatoes.

The Reas joined RNA when it was first organized in the 1980s and remained faithful members attending monthly meetings and participating in the annual fea markets and clean-ups. Their daughter Bianca and her husband Charles still live on the second floor of their building.

My personal memory of the Reas is the times when Dominick and Mrs. Rea visited my house in the spring. We would walk through my vegetable garden and exchange gardening techniques. Dominick gave me a jar of beans and showed me how to plant them and build stalks for the plants. When I visited his garden I was amazed at the abundance of grapes, beans, zuchinis and tomatoes he could grow in a such a small space. I like to think we had forged a special bond between us as traditional backyard gardeners. The Reas will always remind me of my Italian grandparents - qentle, quiet and wise.

Vito Brunetti

RNA lost two of its oldest members since our last meeting. Dominic and Rose Rea. Before illness overcame them both, Dominic and Rose always attended RNA meetings where they would talk quietly with other members and listen attentively to guest speakers. They enjoyed contact with people.

I think my favorite memory of this gentle couple will be of them early on flea market mornings. They would walk the Ogden Avenue side of the Park, picking up trash and debris with their shovel and old straw broom. Dominic and Rose made sure the Park were ready for vendors and customers. They both wanted to contribute so that the flea markets would be a success. Helping to clean-up the Park was their way of living up to our motto "a better life in the Heights." We shall all miss Dominic and Rose and their "sweep-clean" efforts on our behalf.

Maria Tuzzo

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

The December meeting of RNA was devoted to the "business" of celebrating the holidays with our annual **Holiday Party**. We gathered to enjoy each other's company and the delicious foods and homemade desserts that were provided by our members. This year RNA decided to order hot food catered by the Mangia Bene Italian Deli on Bowers Street (off of Central Avenue). Everything was just great.

We had a mini- grab bag with gifts donated by Jack Rea and Maria Tuzzo. RNA members brought their children. Members of other Heights associations, our local police and Council persons Tom DeGise and Bill Gaughan stopped by to wish RNA happy holidays.

Everyone had a good time and many went home with a goodies plate. RNA would like to thank everyone who celebrated and contributed to our holiday party.

On Sunday, December 21st, eleven members and friends of RNA gathered at the Riverview-Fisk Park pavilion and went **Christmas caroling** along Ogden Avenue. We entertained many of our neighbors with traditional songs that were sung mostly in tune. There was even some impromptu harmonizing. As usual several neighbors opened up their homes to the carolers with drinks and refreshments. Everyone had a great time and we promised to organize a few practice sessions for next year's caroling. So if you or anyone you know would like to join us, start practicing now!

On December 15th, the **Salvation Army** picked up 15 bags of groceries and 7 shopping bags of toys and stuffed animals collected during the **RNA Holiday Food and Toy Drive**. These gifts were made possible by the generous contributions of RNA members for the less fortunate members of our community. All of the groceries and toys were donated items and there was no need for additional shopping. On behalf of the Executive Committee, I want to thank everyone for their wonderful response to this worthy effort.

Maria Tuzzo, Food Drive Coordinator

HOLIDAY BANNER

This slogan has graced the wall of every graphics shop I've worked in: **PRICE - TIME - QUALITY**. You can only achieve two of its three goals. If you want the product cheap and fast, you sacrifice the quality. If you want the quality high and fast, you pay the price. If you wan the quality high and the price low . . . it's gonna take a long time.

Ignoring this motto, I tried to achieve all three goals when RNA decided to hang a holiday banner in Riverview-Fisk Park last month. If luck had prevailed instead of high winds, we could have pulled it off.

For five days, RNA's holiday banner flapped around, wishing a Safe and Happy New Year in eleven (11) different languages derivative of our neighborhood's ethnic population. Folks responded in a very positive way.

Now that we have a whole new year ahead of us, all three of the above goals can be achieved for the next holiday season. We're represented by English, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Greek, Korean, Chinese, Arabic, Indian, french, and German. So we have 11 months to come up with New Year salutations from any of our neighbors we missed.

We need all the Luck, Community and Strength, we can get as we near the turn of the Century.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Allison Ferrari Fontana, Park Person

MEETING MINUTES: JANUARY 13, 1998

COMMUNITY POLICING:

The Jersey City Police were represented by **Sgt. Ruby**, our two **NTF Officers Scott Schnee** and **Lorenzo Tosado** and **Captain Gutch**. They discussed the following topics:

a) Loud Music Complaints: Juveniles caught playing their boom boxes too loud will get them impounded. In order to reclaim them, they must go to court with their parents. Boom boxes audible over 50 feet before 10 PM will be impounded. After 10 PM, any music that is audible by a police officer will be impounded. A car playing loud music will not be impounded but the owner will receive a summons. The fines range from 100.00 to 1,000.00;

b) Overnite Parking in Riverview-Fisk Park: A complaint was made about commercial vans parking overnight on Ogden Avenue in the Park. (It is against the law to park a vehicle with commercial plates in a residential street after 10 PM.)

Another complaint was made about a rash of recent window break-ins to the cars that are being parked overnight in the Park. There has been an average of 1 to 2 break-ins a night. The police were asked to set up a night patrol to catch this perpetrator(s). [After the meeting, a neighbor suggested that the "perp" was someone hanging out around 454 Palisade Avenue. This was before the 454 building was boarded up by the City. However, RNA strongly advises all local residents living around the Park or walking their dogs to keep an eye out for any suspicious behavior in the Park. It is also strongly recommended that any one victimized by these break-ins should report these crimes to the North District police in order to alert the police to this serious problem!];

c) Neighborhood Task Force (NTF) Program: Sgt. Ruby discussed the success of the NTF in the following areas: drop in general crime rates, improvement on Central Avenue and crackdowns on panhandling, public drunkenness and boomboxes.

An RNA member noted that he had recently seen certain panhandlers who had become regular fixtures on Central Avenue in New York City. All agreed that this was only fair considering how many of New York's problems have been imported to Jersey City.

d) Commander of the North District: Sgt. Ruby introduced Captain Gutch who is the acting Commander of the North District for the next 3 to 4 months. Captain Gutch said he is very familiar with Palisade Avenue and its numerous problems. He informed the group that the police are gearing up for the coming spring. He said that

juvenile crime is up and that he is coordinating efforts with the juvenile bureau. The curfew squad has been very effective as well as the truancy squad.

Captain Meyers, who is on medical leave, is doing well in recovery and it is anticipated that he will be back to work in three months.

e) Jitney Buses: A complaint was made about the proliferation of these mini-vans and how they tie up traffic on Palisade Avenue. Captain Gutch stated that he is aware of the problem on Kennedy Blvd. He has the vans followed by unmarked vehicles and at the end of their route, the police issue summons for all traffic violations. He stated that he will follow-up with this problem on Palisade Avenue. The group discussed the pros and cons of these vehicles in our neighborhood.

CHRIST HOSPITAL:

Barbara Davey, Director of Public Relations and **Linda Lacinak**, Administrative Director of the the Hospital's Primary Care Center discussed the first year's results of the Hospital's new medical facility located on Palisade Avenue between Ferry Street and Woods Place. In 1997, there were over six thousand patients visits for the following services: diabetes, asthma, general medicine, pediatrics, gynecology and obstetrical care. The majority of these patients are being diverted from the Hospital's Emergency Room.

The Center's hours are: Monday to Friday 9AM to 5PM with evening hours on Thursday to 7PM. It is not open on the weekends. For more information, call 459-8888 (general medicine), 8860 (obstetrics/gynecology) or 8889 (pediatrics).

The Hospital's Center for Health Awareness organizes monthly programs for the community including various support groups, CPR classes and screening programs. For more information, call 795-8030.

Ms. Davey discussed the expansion of the Hospital's jitney service for the purpose of providing free transportation for seniors to go to local shopping facilities, such as Newport and Mill Creek Malls. It would run along Palisade Avenue 1 to 2 days a week. RNA has been asked to suggest certain stops within our neighborhood to accommodate our senior neighbors. [Please come to the next meeting with suggestions for specific pick-up locations or send them to RNA.]

The Hospital's Thrift Shop donates a week worth of sales receipts (sometimes amounting to several hundred dollars) to local neighborhood associations for community projects. Ms. Davey has invited RNA to submit a proposal for this program.

Christ Hospital has set up a Sub-Acute Care Ward for patients who have been discharged but are not ready to go home. It includes a maximum stay of 10 days to recover from surgery with access to therapy.

Ms. Davey responded to a question about the Hospital's future projects that she knows of no current plans to purchase the Belvedere Apartments on Palisade Avenue.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

RNA Treasurer **Jack Rea** informed the group of the group's current financial status. There is approximately $2,346.84 in the general account and $518.91 in the park account. The RNA holiday party cost $130.00. He is also currently working with Summit Bank for the refunding of most of the service charges deducted from our two accounts.

RECREATION SUMMIT:

RNA member **Patrick Moore** attended this meeting and reported on its agenda. Kevin Sluka, Director of DPW reported on the current conditions of the City's neighborhood parks and ballfields. The Mayor promoted local community centers in the neighborhoods. There is a need to lobby for more park improvements. One project is the renovation of the Jersey City Armory for recreation facilities.

NID DISCUSSION:

NID Manager **Laura Petersen** and CEO **Carol Pasquale** of North District 7 and NID Manager **Ron Clemente** of North District 6 discussed their current activities in their respective areas.

Mss. Petersen and Pasquale discussed 454 Palisade Avenue and the need to board it up immediately because it is vacant and abandoned. There was also a discussion about the need to temporarily close Holland Street because of continuous dumping. Ms. Petersen informed the group that they had identified the "owner" of some dumped garbage on the road and had given a summons to the alleged perpetrator. The fencing around the closed gas station on the corner of Palisade and Congress was discussed.

Mr. Clemente asked people to report to him the identification number on the pole of any non-working street light. He was informed of the problem of garbage on the cliff behind the Belvedere Apartment building on Palisade Avenue. There was a complaint about several non-working street lights on the southern section of New York Avenue leading to Hoboken and the need to have its cleaned periodically because of illegal dumping.

[See article in this newsletter for a complete list of the progress reports for both districts.]

Allison Ferrari Fontana, Secretary

RNA'S COMMUNITY GARDEN

Wandering around the garden this winter, I'm finding unusual phenomena - is it El Nino or something else? The corn flowers are something else. Over the summer, fellow gardener, Kevin Walsh lamented that the cornflower seeds he had planted had failed to appear on schedule. The next time I saw Kevin he was in the Hospital, just emerging from a coma after sustaining severe head injuries at the hands of four crackheads on Mountain Road. He's made amazing progress and is back home with his family in western New Jersey putting his life and health back together. . . . Having some good thoughts for you Kevin and your flowers are blooming in January.

I'll miss Peter too. A young gardener who was a great help and protector of the garden. He and his family regretfully returned to Greece and left behind a monumental clump of sunflowers that held out till September before showing their colors.

Connie gets the 4-H prize for exotic vegetables, although she didn't get to harvest as much as she would have liked. Thanks for the morning glories. Connie, I

hope you don't mind I trimmed back your lettuce and had a fresh garden salad in January from the proceeds.

Claudia and Chris' pineapple drew the most admiration. So much, that someone took it home to cherish. Hopefully plans for a better fence will remedy plant vandalism. Cobblestones should be arriving this spring. My back hurts from thinking about it but the vision of cobblestone walkways in the garden have me eager to get into work mode. Pushkins, spring beauties, dwarf narrcissi, crocus and miniature tulips were planted in the center gardens by an enthusiastic crew of park kids.

The other two flower and shrub gardens are holding their own. Some folks from downtown stopped by recently looking for tips on starting a garden in a vacant lot on Coles. Jersey City needs all the greenery it can get - it's spreading! On the other hand, some realtor stopped in to track down the owner of the garden in hopes of purchase and development. Nothing like seeing something beautiful like a garden to make the money-hungry see dollar signs and backhoes.

Anyhow it is not to early to start thinking about planting and dusting off or borrowing the gardening encyclopedia. We have a new and improved fire hydrant this year, so water shouldn't be as much of a problem.

Oh, and if I forgot to thank you because I was a medicated mess after my surgery, Thanks to Greg Brickey and Louie Ramos for helping fill and haul water barrels over the summer while I was recovering.

SEE YOU IN THE PARK!

Allison Ferrari Fontana

ATTENTION ALL LOCAL GARDENERS:

All people interested in reserving a plot in the community garden or volunteering to cultivate flowers in the three flower gardens in Riverview-Fisk Park, should come to the February 10th meeting and sign up now.

At this same meeting, RNA will discuss organizing a new community garden in Janet Moore Park this spring located at the corner of Ogden and Cuneo. Anyone interested in helping initiate this project, should come to this meeting to discuss it.

UPDATE: The City, through the offices of the Real Estate Manager and Constituent Services, has formally notified the property owner located adjacent to the community garden that he must remove his wooden fence that is encroaching on City owned land in Riverview-Fisk Park. The City has advised the owner that he must remove the fence by the middle of February, 1998 or face legal action. The land in question is approximately a 50 square foot section that is 24 feet long and between 2 1/2 feet to 3 1/2 feet wide. It is located along the southern perimeter of the community garden. The retrieval of this land will provide additional space in the garden for several more plots.

NID STATUS REPORTS

NORTH SIX: Ronald Clemente is the NID manager for the North Six District which includes Ogden and Palisade Avenues from Cuneo Place to Griffith Street. He has provided the following activity report:

a) **202-204 Ogden Avenue**: a summons was issued for litter and debris on the side of their building at the northeast corner of Ogden and Franklin;

b) **226-228 Ogden Avenue**: Along with JCIA inspector O'Neil witnessed commercial construction debris being put out with the residential garbage for pick-up. Superintendent was notified about this problem. Garbage was not picked-up and owner was responsible for disposal;

c) **242 Ogden Avenue**: a summons was issued for litter and debris in the front yard;

d) **11 Cuneo Place**: pothole filled;

c) **439 Palisade Avenue**: under renovation;

e) **450-250 Palisade Avenue**: all street lights and flood lights along this stretch of Palisade Avenue have been repaired or replaced;

f) Three dogs running loose on Ogden Avenue were reunited with their owners and Animal Control has been notified;

g) Dog walkers advised to use leash and clean-up after their animals;

h) Palisade Avenue cleaned everyday and Ogden Avenue every other day by young people volunteering with the NID.

Ronald Clemente can be contacted through his voice mail at **547-4974, extension 8015.**

NORTH SEVEN: Laura Petersen is the NID manager for the North 7 District which includes Ogden and Palisade Avenues from Griffith Street to Congress Street. She has provided the following activity report:

a) **381 Ogden Avenue**: The owner of this property was contacted by NID via letter and responded by telephone on Monday 12/15/97. Work on this building is still in progress; so far the front of the property has been cleared of leaves and debris, the rear has been cleared of leaves and debris and missing boards for the rear windows have been replaced. NID continues monitoring this building;

b) **385 Ogden Avenue**: The owner of this property was contacted by NID via letter and to date has not responded. A summons will be issued if there is no response by 1/26/98;

c) **454 Palisade Avenue**: The owner of this property was contacted by NID via letter and to date has not responded. A summons will be issued if there is no response by 1/26/98. [Note: The City finally boarded up this property on or about January 14, 1998.];

d) **Holland Street**: This location is now a regularly scheduled clean-up spot on the itinerary of the Hudson County inmate work crew. Regular patrols by the NID personnel has discouraged some dumping attempts by people in vehicles, but there also seems to be dumping coming from above on Ogden Avenue, as if dumpers are dropping debris down the cliff;

e) **Riverview-Fisk Park**: All out of service streetlights in the Park were referred to PSE&G Lighting Supervisor Peter Magan. [Note: There are still at least four to five overhead lights and floodlights in the Park that are not working.]

f) Opposite **455 Palisade Avenue**: streetlight #21870 was out of service. This repair was completed 12/1/97 as per PSE&G work order # 329026980 and NID work order # 16245;

g) Opposite **479 Palisade Avenue**: streetlight #21866 was out of service. This repair was was completed 12/1/97 as per PSE&G work order # 329027800 and NID work order # 16246;

h) Foot of Griffith Street: NID personnel cut and removed dead weeds and cleaned debris around guardrail at deadend. This location will be inspected regularly for routine maintenance.

Laura Petersen and her CEO **Carole Pasquale** be contacted by voice mail at **547-4974, extension 8021.**

RNA MEETS WITH CITY TO DISCUSS LOCAL PROBLEMS

On Tuesday January 24, 1998, RNA represented by Vito Brunetti met with City officials to discuss some long standing concerns in our neighborhood. **Council President Tom DeGise, Ward C Councilperson Arnold Bettinger and Kevin Sluka, Director of the Department of Public Works** reviewed the following list of issues:

Traffic Engineering:

a) the installation of a southbound bus stop at the corner of Palisade Avenue and Griffith Street and the need to notify police to enforce the no-parking bus areas by issuing summons;

b) the installation of a traffic control for westbound traffic at the intersection of Woods Place and Palisade;

c) the installation of a traffic control to slow speeders at the intersection of Ogden Avenue and Bowers Street.

Palisade Treescape Program:

The second round for the installation of free trees with guards and gratings along Palisade Avenue scheduled for March of 1998.

Riverview-Fisk Park:

a) the complete enclosure of the children's playground with tubular fencing is scheduled for the spring of 1998;

b) the repair of the existing fencing around the playground and the basketball court;

c) the City is looking for a contractor to repair the rubber surface in the playground;

d) the City has put out a contract for bid to remove dead trees throughout the City, including the large one on the eastern slope of the Park;

e) the long-overdue repair of at least one-quarter of the lighting in the Park (There appears to be a dispute between the City and PSE&G as to who is responsible for the maintenance of the lighting in all the local Parks);

f) the renovation of the eastern side of the Park has been included in the City's six year capital improvement budget. DPW will hire an engineer to evaluate the condition of the retaining wall along the cliff ($50,000 contract).

Janet Moore Park

a) the installation of crossbars on the existing tubular fencing on two sides of the Park to prevent vandalism and break-ins after closing;

b) the assistance of the Parks Division in developing a community garden for the residents.

New York Avenue

The need to repair several overhead street lights, replacement of the highway barrier and fencing.

Belvedere Apartments, 266 Palisade Avenue

The need to clean up garage and debris thrown out of building's windows onto cliff along N.Y. Avenue.

In addition, the City was asked to look into the lot at the deadend of Ogden and Cuneo, the renovation of Holland Street, a redevelopment project for Palisade Avenue and the status of the boarded-up or abandoned buildings throughout the community.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

A Plea for Time-limited Monthly Meetings

How can we not be grateful to our neighbors who give their time and energy to the well-being of the Riverview Neighborhood Association. They toil over the meetings, the newsletter and during 1997 they acquired not-for-profit status for the group. Thus may mean future funds for more creative community projects. Then why aren't more of us involved in the Association?

Let me suggest one reason for the lack of participation is the length of our monthly meetings. Since it does no good to simply complain, I put forth the following for your consideration and comments:

a) **A good meeting should not last more than an hour and a half.** Our meetings are just too long, especially for those residents who have to go to work or send the children to school the next morning.

b) **We need a preplanned agenda with time limited subjects.** This will also cut down on the length of the meetings. for example, is it really necessary to discuss the details of projects which have already been handled in committee?]

c) **The agenda should always contain a category of "Other" which can be left till last.** This way, important topics of interest may be addressed first. People who can only stay for a hour or so may attend, hear relevant issues and leave without having lost the essence of the meeting.

These suggestions are only that -- *suggestions*. Do you agree? Do you disagree? Can you state why? Why not get involved and write your comments?

Best of all, come to the meetings on the second Tuesday of every month and participate.

Rosemary Venter

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A Caring Thought for February

There is no greater pleasure
Than to help a friend in need.
A simple act of kindness,
A smile, a word, a deed.
A little comfort given to those who are alone,
A little thought for others to their needs and not our own.
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Madeline Rea

Bulletin board

RNA welcomes **JACK HENRY CESARI** as the newest member of our neighborhood. Jack Henry and his proud parents Gina and Hank are doing well. We were unable to get an interview with Jack Henry because at the time, he was sleeping peacefully with his father. All the luck in the world to the family.

GET WELL WISHES
to member **Jean O'Connelly** for a speedy recovery.

IN MEMORIUM: RNA would like to acknowledge the loss of several of our neighbors who passed away during the holiday season:

Gail Carmody
Stephen Dell Aquilla
Mario Martinez, Jr.

Our thoughts and wishes are with their families. Our neighborhood is a little emptier without their presence and contributions.

This is a tribute to my friend **Gail Carmody** who passed away in November of 1997. She was a good, caring friend who did so much for people. I miss her tremendously and pray she is at peace now. May God bless her.

Madeline Rea

From Valerie's Kitchen:

Penne w/ Broccoli Rabe & Sausage

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 lb. broccoli rabe: trim tough ends & cut into 2 inch lengths
- 1 lb. penne pasta
- 3/4 lb. italian sausage, casings removed
- 1/4 cup olive olive
- 8 small garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- 1/2 tsp. salt and pepper
- grated parmesan cheese

1) In 4 quarts of boiling salted water, cook broccoli rabe for 4 minutes until crisp tender. Remove to bowl.
2) Return water to a boil and add pasta (cook according to package directions). Reserve 1/2 cup of cooking water. Drain pasta. Return pasta to pot and cover.
3) Cook sausage in skillet, breaking up clumps, for four minutes until just cooked through. With slotted spoon remove sausage and add to rabe.
4) Pour fat from skillet. Add 2 tbsp of oil and garlic to skillet and cook over medium low heat, stirring occasionally, for 3-4 minutes until garlic is golden.
5) Add rabe and sausage mixture to skillet. Season with salt and pepper. Cook 1-2 minutes until rabe is coated and tender.
6) Add rabe and sausage mixture to pasta in pot with reserved cooking water and remaining oil. Sprinkle with cheese to taste.

POLICEBEAT

Residents should contact their **Neighborhood Task Force Police Officers Scott Schnee and Lorenzo Tosado, David Murawinski or Mark Conroy and Keith Armstrong** if they have a problem, a safety concern or knowledge of criminal activity at **547-5350** (the North District station's frontdesk) or **547-5719** (community service number). When leaving a message, include your name, telephone number, street address, the nature of the problem and the date and time of the message.

In addition, anyone with information about illegal drug use and/or drug dealing, should contact the JCPD Narcotics Unit at 547-5391. All calls will be strictly confidential.

A **Community Service Survey** form is reprinted below. The purpose of the form is to alert the police to particular chronic problems in our neighborhood. Please fill the form out and mail it to the North District at 282 Central Avenue. (You can remain anonymous.)

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NORTH DISTRICT
282 Central Avenue, Jersey City, 07307
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547-5719: Neighborhood Task Force

Community Service Survey

Name:_____
Address:_____
Home Phone:_____
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Complaint & Observations for the period of_____

List the Locations for the following Problems:

Disorderly Groups:_____
Public Nuisances: _____
Narcotics Activity:_____
Unsafe/Unhealthy Sites: _____
Suspicious Activity:_____
Heavy Trucking: _____
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Burglaries:_____
Prostitution: _____
Gambling:_____
Other:_____

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Tell us what you think about the quality of life in your neighborhood? Have your voice heard! Drop all articles and comments in the mailbox, on the gate, at 232 Ogden Ave. Mark the envelope, "RNA NEWSLETTER." Deadline is **Friday, Feb. 21, 1998**.

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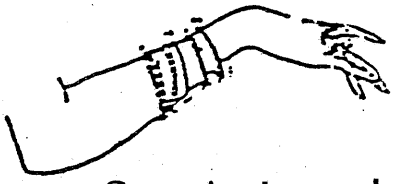

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Join your Neighbors and Make new Friends
at the next RNA meeting
on Tuesday, FEBRUARY 10th at 7:15 PM

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COMING EVENTS

RNA MEETING: Tuesday, February 10th at 7:15 PM
LOCATION: THE HARBOR VIEW HEALTH CARE CENTER

1) OPEN NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION OF RNA OFFICERS

2) DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:
- *** 14th Annual RNA Flea Market**
- *** Spring Clean-up and Dumpster Weekend**
- *** Community gardens and flower gardens in our Parks**
- *** Summer Sports Activities and Music Concerts**
- *** New Ideas and Projects for our Community**

COMMUNITY GARDENERS:

It's never too early to start planning for the spring planting season!
Come to the February 10th meeting.